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LEEWARD AREA COUNCILMEN AND COMMUNITY LEADERS APPLAUD CAMPBELL ESTATE'S DECISION TO CONSTRUCT THE KAMA'AHA STREET EXTENSION

(HONOLULU, HI) – Councilmembers Nestor Garcia and Mike Gabbard, along with several community and association leaders, today praised Campbell Estate's decision to commence construction of the Kama'aha Street Extension.

Said Councilman Nestor Garcia, "On behalf of the residents and communities we represent in our districts, Councilman Gabbard and I commend the Estate for taking the extra step to address residents' concerns over traffic in Kapolei town. Once completed, the Kama'aha Street extension will provide the communities of Makakilo and Kapolei an additional ingress and egress to Fort Barrette Road, and help reduce the congestion on Kamokila Boulevard during peak drive times. The extension will also provide access to an additional planned 200+ stall parking area for the parents and keiki who use the Kapolei Regional Park for their sporting and social activities."

Added Councilman Mike Gabbard, "Since taking office in January, Councilman Garcia and I have worked closely with community and business leaders in the area to address concerns related to increased growth in our region. Early this summer, we worked with Campbell Estate to establish a roadway connection between Ewa and Campbell Industrial Park via Roosevelt Avenue that will help provide additional access for our friends and neighbors who work in the Industrial Park. At the same time, Councilman Garcia and I passed legislation through the Council and the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide funding in the coming years to construct and extend Kapolei Parkway to link the communities of Ewa and Ko Olina."

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Community leaders also gave their strong support to Campbell Estate's announcement.

Said Maeda Timson, Chair of the Makakilo, Kapolei, Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board and a 30-year resident of Makakilo, "It is always fulfilling to see improvements that we have planned for and worked cooperatively with developers, governmental agencies, and our elected officials over the years to implement, finally come to fruition. The Kama'aha Street extension was identified as one of the key components in addressing roadway congestion in the Ewa Development Plan that was adopted first in 1994 and revised in 1997."

Added Roy Wickramaratna, President of the Makakilo Community Association, "Ever since our Association's meeting of October 8th, when more than 300 people attended and voiced their concerns, our Association has been diligently working with our elected officials, the developers and contractors to find ways to resolve those concerns. Through this spirit of cooperation, we've learned that the City is committed to helping repave Makakilo Drive in 2004 once they receive assurances from developers and utility companies that no roadway work will be needed after the paving is completed. This new action by Campbell Estate now helps to resolve our concerns regarding traffic congestion in front of the Shopping Center."

Michael Golojuch, Sr., President of the Palehua Community Association, a planned community association that represents the majority of home owners in upper Makakilo said, "Our area has seen much growth due to the fortunate housing boom in recent years. It is inevitable that concerns and issues get raised when people are new to the area and aren't fully aware of the history and level of cooperation we get from the people who helped plan and build our community. These developers, contractors, laborers, and even elected officials are our friends and neighbors who live with us each and every day. Personally, I am pleased by Campbell's recent announcement and hope that we can continue to work together to resolve our community and neighborhood concerns through the spirit of cooperation and meaningful discussion and debate."